



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Upcoming events

2nd September Number 20

Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Friday 4 September

Monday 7 September

Monday 14 September

Wednesday 16 September

Wednesday 23 September

Wednesday 23 September

Friday 25 September

Monday 12 October

Tough Kids

Junior school mountain visit

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Electives

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Krypton Factor

End of Term Three

Term Four begins. Powhiri 10am

Principal's Message:

Thank you for the amazing support we have received over the last week with our Book Fair, PTA fundraiser and the Cancer Society Daffodil Day. Our children have immersed themselves in the love of literacy and books, we have raised money to support the resources in our library and raised money to go to very worthy causes. It has been a very busy time. Our Mufti day raised \$283. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. Thank you also to our PTA for their efforts with the toastie and moosie day- Yum!

Manaakitanga

It has been a testing time for everyone with Covid alerts being at Level 2, we have seen some anxiety and stress for some of our children and with that comes some slight behavioural changes. There have also been many signs of fatigue and tiredness and we miss many things that feel 'normal', including being together as a whole school at assembly. Our aim is as a school to keep the messages of care for each other at the forefront and to keep our routines in place. We are keeping the messages positive and we will all get through this time together. We appreciate the efforts that everyone is making as we know it has not been easy. Thank you to those who are following the rules of signing in at the office and to those who are keeping their children home when sick.

Tough Kids

Tough Kids will be going ahead this Friday but with a slightly modified programme. With Covid the event is being run a little differently this year. We have been allocated the time slot between 11:30 and 12:45pm. If you have already told us that you will be meeting at the event please be at the event at 11:20pm. This will give us time to put a race number on your child. If your child is getting transported from school we will be returning at 1:00pm and your child MUST be picked up at this time as they will be wet and muddy and will not be going back to class. There will be no food sales this year and the only supporters are those taking transport who must stay in the allocated area. We thank you for your support during these interesting times. We are super excited that the event is still going ahead and our children are not missing out. We wish all our participants the best of luck.

School Cross Country

Our school cross country will go ahead on Tuesday 22 September (week 10) but with a modified layout if we are in Level 2. If this is the case, we will be allowing spectators but we will need you to practice your social distancing around the course. We will be splitting our school into 3 groups to enable the event to continue.

Road Safety

After a great deal of time negotiating, Go Bus now have included some of our students in the bus run from Horopito. Although it does not alleviate the safety issues before and after school, it does lessen a few cars on the road. Please be aware that there are now 4 buses that will be departing our school before 3pm. After that time the bus bay is a great pick up space to collect your child if you drive into the first available space. We are still working with the local council and Ministry of Education for solutions long term including a footpath on the other side of the road to enable young people to be picked up on Miro St. Please be aware of your speed outside our school - we are asking that you drive at less than 40kmph.

Principal's Award: Santosha Fisher (right)
& Suriya Kristiansen



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Town Clean Up

Our town clean up will be taking place from 12.30 next Thursday (10 September) If you would like to come out and support our learners on their journey around our wonderful town as we collect recyclables and rubbish to improve and support our local environment please feel welcome to join us! We have gloves and bags and a positive attitude and we're ready to go!

Junior Awards

Cooper Burnett, Brody Mabbott
Te Onewa Hawira & Ocean de Joux

Senior Awards

Paretuarangi Marcikura-Wilson,
Tamana Harto, Molly Chambers,
Finn Flower & Te Taonga Hall

Daffodil Day. Ambassadors

Drevahn Wood, Izybel Graham
Isla Thompson, Azlian Wood,
Dayton Muru-Albert, Finn Flower,
Jim Rowe & Cheyenne Muru-Albert.



Blue Mountain Adventure Centre

Blue Mountain Adventure Centre is based in Raurimu, and is owned and operated by the Salvation Army. They run a camp twice a year for adventurous local kids, whose parents may need to work or just want a break over the holidays. The camp is action packed and at the end of the week kids leave exhausted, but empowered to do things they didn't think they could do. All food and equipment required is provided by BMAC. Get a group of friends and book them in!

This year as we are trying to encourage local young people to come on camp, we are giving a discount of \$50 per child if they bring a mate. Two is always better than one! That way they also have a mate with them throughout the camp, which makes everything more fun!

Kids Peak – Residential Holiday Programme for kids aged 8-13 at BMAC

Dates – Mon 28th Sept til Fri 2nd Oct

Cost – \$295 per child

Day Activities – Caving, Indoor Rock Climbing, High Ropes, White Water Rafting with hot pools, Canoeing, Fun in the snow, and Local Bush tramp.

Evening Programme – Camp fire, night games outside/ Burma trail, Kakahi glow worms visit.



Wooden Puzzles for Technology Learners

Pictured right: Technology children made wooden puzzles by choosing a picture, gluing it to plywood and coating it with a clear gloss. The puzzles were then designed by the children and cut with a scroll saw.



Value of the Week

Determination

This value is based around persevering in new learning, new relationships, and taking on new experiences. We support our learners by giving them the opportunities to develop the skills through targeted experiences and classroom learning and they are amazing.

Nga mihi
Lisa Clark. Principal

